

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

I. Amendments to the Claims

Independent claim 22 has been amended to recite allowable subject matter. Dependent claims 28 and 29 have been amended to remain consistent with amended independent claim 22.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

As stated on page 11 of the Office Action dated November 13, 2009, claim 22 would be allowable if amended to positively claim the “pulse sensor” that measures a pulse, such that a pulse difference equal to or greater than 7 beats per minute between the pulses measured on the right and left sides of the subject is determined as abnormal by the measurement calculation unit. The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

As mentioned above, claim 22 has been amended to recite the allowable subject matter. Specifically, claim 22 has been amended to recite that the biological information sensor includes a pulse sensor for detecting a pulse, wherein a pulse difference equal to or greater than 7 beats per minute between the pulses measured on the right and left sides of the subject is determined as abnormal by said measurement calculating unit.

Accordingly, in view of the Examiner’s indication of allowable subject matter as discussed above, it is submitted that amended independent claim 22 and claims 9, 12, 18, 24, 26, 28 and 29 that depend therefrom are allowable.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

Claims 9, 12, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of Lamb (U.S. 3,651,694), Alvarez (U.S. 6,238,354), Nakamura et al. (U.S. 5,724,980), Inagaki et al. (U.S. 6,344,025), Besson et al. (U.S. 5,862,803), Journal of Nursing Science, and Journal of Brain and Nervous Diseases.

In view of the above-discussed allowability of claim 22, which is the only remaining independent claim, these 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections are not applicable to claim 22 and the claims that depend therefrom. As a result, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance and an early notification thereof is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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